

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2004**

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, March 22, 2004, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner John Christian  
Commissioner Bob Lovell  
Commissioner Ben Perry  
Commissioner Lewis Puckett  
Mayor David Knowles

Also present were City Manager (CM) Ron Stock, City Clerk (CC) Betty Richardson, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, Deputy City Clerk (DCC) Diane Gibson Smith, the news media, and others.

Commissioner Christian gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVED CITY COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD  
MARCH 8, 2004**

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Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the City Commission minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2004. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

A. Mayor Knowles proclaimed April 2004 as Water Conservation Month by reading the proclamation in its entirety.

B. Mayor Knowles proclaimed April 11 – 17, 2004 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week by reading the proclamation in its entirety.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Pulled B4 (agreement with Sennett Realty and Century 21 Arrow Realty)  
B5 (agreement with Florida Design Professionals)  
B10 (Library grant application)

Commissioner Puckett moved to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of items B4, B5, and B10 and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the Consent Agenda as follows:

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### PURCHASING ITEMS:

1. LB-04-19 Hydraulic Digger Derrick Truck for Electric Dept awarded to Altec Industries for \$169,959.00.
2. State Contract AS400 upgrade for MIS Dept awarded to Clover Systems of Orlando for 250-000-03-1 \$62,190.00.
3. Piggyback Reuse pipe for the US Hwy 441 Joint Trench Project awarded to National GRU/JEA/OUC Waterworks, Inc. for \$706,849.11.

### RESOLUTIONS:

#### RESOLUTION 7068

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an amendment to the agreement between the City of Leesburg and Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin Lopez Rhinehart Inc. (Glatting Jackson) to provide professional services associated with the development of the Land Development Code; and providing an effective date.

#### RESOLUTION 7069

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Donald M. Bass for removal of Port O Port Hangar "I" at Leesburg Regional Airport; and providing an effective date.

#### RESOLUTION 7070

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an extension of lease between the City of Leesburg and Brainerd Helicopters, Inc. for the purpose of extending the term of the existing lease for the site located at 8846 Airport Boulevard for five additional years to expire on October 31, 2013; and providing an effective date.

#### RESOLUTION 7071

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve an agreement between the City of Leesburg and the Scott Partnership Architecture, Inc. for the purpose of providing services related to design and construction of a recreational gymnasium for the City of Leesburg; and providing an effective date.

#### RESOLUTION 7072

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Stephen E. Eusted and Brenda E. Eusted for concession stand operations at city special events, and providing an effective date.

#### RESOLUTION 7073

A resolution of the City of Leesburg, Florida designating the Finance Team to work with the City in connection with the issuance of debt to acquire, construct and equip certain infrastructure improvements; authorizing the City Manager to execute the engagement letters; and providing an effective date.

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### **RESOLUTION 7074**

A resolution expressing the intent of the City of Leesburg, Florida to acquire, construct and equip infrastructure improvements; expressing the intent for purposes of compliance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150-(2)(e) to reimburse with the proceeds of future tax-exempt financings, capital expenditures made with respect to the acquisition, construction, improvement and repair of such improvements; providing for the issuance by the city of notes, bonds or other obligations in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$17,000,000 to pay the cost of such projects; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7075**

A resolution expressing the intent of the City of Leesburg, Florida to acquire, construct and equip infrastructure improvements described herein; expressing the intent for purposes of compliance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150(2)(e), to reimburse with the proceeds of future tax-exempt financings, capital expenditures made with respect to the acquisition, construction, improvement and repair of such improvements; providing for the issuance by the city of notes, bonds or other obligations in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,300,000 to pay the cost of such projects; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7076**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, adopting the policies and procedures for the administration of the fire suppression system assistance program; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7077**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, adopting the contract form and content for the administration of the fire suppression system assistance program; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7078**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending paragraph A of the Overtime Policy (No 211), and paragraph A of the Compensatory Time Off Policy (No. 212) of the Leesburg Personnel Policy Manual; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7079**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending paragraph B of the Alternative Work Schedules Policy (No. 213) of the Leesburg Personnel Policy Manual; and providing an effective date.

### **RESOLUTION 7080**

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, approving a variance to Section 19-107 of the code of Ordinances to extend the time for recording a final plat by an additional 90 days for a total of 270 days; and providing an effective date. (Majestic Oaks Landing Subdivision)

### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Monthly Financial Report for February 2004
2. BPCA of \$ 15.00 per 1,000 kWh for April 2004
3. Notification of Community Redevelopment Agency Annual Financial Reports

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### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7081 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONS TO SENNETT REALTY AND CENTURY 21 ARROW REALTY**

Commissioner Perry introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the agreement with Sennett Realty Group, Inc. and Century 21 Arrow Realty, Inc. for payment of real estate brokerage commission for procuring the Furniture Country lease agreement; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Lovell stated he will abstain from voting as he is associated with Century 21 Arrow Realty.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Christian seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Abstained
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Four yeas, no nays, one abstention, the resolution was adopted.

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7082 EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA DESIGN PROFESSIONALS, INC. FOR THE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR DESIGN SERVICES**

Commissioner Puckett introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Leesburg and Florida Design Professionals, Inc. for the purpose of providing design services for the Business and Technology Incubator; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Knowles stated he will abstain from voting as he is associated with the owner of Florida Design Professionals, Inc.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Abstained

Four yeas, no nays, one abstention, the resolution was adopted.

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2004 CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7083 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT FUNDS**

Commissioner Perry introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for Public Library Construction Grant funds for design and construction of a new and expanded Leesburg public library; providing for assurance that the City will provide the required dollar-for-dollar match of the requested grant amount; that city funding is sufficient and available to design and construct a completed library building; that upon completion of the library project, sufficient funding will be available to operate the library facility; that the library building will be used exclusively for public library purposes and that the City will submit proposed changes to the use of the library facility to the Florida Division of Library and Information Services within 20 year of completion of construction; providing assurance as to ownership of the library site and proposed library building; providing certification as to construction contracts; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry stated there are certain conditions listed on the grant acceptance such as the Library is to be used exclusively for library usage. Commissioner Perry requested clarification on the conditions and requested City Attorney Morrison to review them.

CA Morrison noted the actual resolution being adopted differs from that in the packet due to an addition of a paragraph on the bid adoption. He further noted this resolution is for applying for the grant only. If the grant is awarded, he will review it for conditions prior to acceptance.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the resolution was adopted.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **HELD SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Knowles opened the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant. There were no comments from the public.

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2004 CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7084 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004**

Commissioner Perry introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing submission of an application for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for Federal Fiscal Year 2004; and providing an effective date.

Ken Thomas, Economic Development Director, stated two community meetings had been held to gather information from the community. The grant application will reflect the information from these meetings.

David Fox, Fred Fox Enterprise, was present to answer questions. Commissioner Christian questioned if the grant application looked promising or not. Mr. Fox noted the application looks strong. The application will be submitted April 21, 2004 and the grant should be awarded in August.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the resolution was adopted.

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION 7085 ACCEPTING THE LONG TERM AND SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the resolution as follows:

A resolution of the City Commission of the city of Leesburg, Florida accepting the long term and short term objectives of the Community Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2004; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Lovell moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea

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Mayor Knowles

Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the resolution was adopted.

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE 04-10 ACCEPTING AN UTILITY EASEMENT FROM  
CITIZENS FIRST BANK IN SECTION 23-19-24**

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Citizens First Bank, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 23, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the ordinance was adopted.

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE 04-11 ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 8.28 ACRES NORTH  
AND SOUTHWEST OF U.S. HWY 441 AND FERN DRIVE IN SECTION 19-19-25**

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately 8.28 acres and being generally located north and southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and Fern Drive, lying in Section 19, Township 19 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, which is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Leesburg, Florida; providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said city; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said city as if all such territory had been a part of the City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be put in City Commission District 1; and providing for an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea

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Mayor Knowles

Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the ordinance was adopted.

### **ADOPTED ORDINANCE 04-12 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 8.28 ACRES NORTH AND SOUTHWEST OF U.S. HWY 441 AND FERN DRIVE IN SECTION 19-19-25 FROM COUNTY URBAN TO CITY COMMERCE**

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance amending the comprehensive plan for the City of Leesburg, changing the future land use map designation of certain property containing 8.28 acres and generally located north and southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and Fern Drive, lying in Section 19, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, from County Urban to City C (commerce) and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea

Five yeas, no nays, the ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Knowles recognized the presence of Steve Richey in the audience.

### **ADOPTED ORDINANCE 04-13 REZONING APPROXIMATELY 8.28 ACRES NORTH AND SOUTHWEST OF U.S. HWY 441 AND FERN DRIVE IN SECTION 19-19-25, FROM COUNTY C-2 TO CITY C-3**

CC Richardson read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately 8.28 acres generally located north and southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and Fern Drive, lying in Section 19, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, from County C-2 (community commercial) to City C-3 (highway commercial) and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Perry moved to approve the ordinance and Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Perry	Yea
Commissioner Puckett	Yea
Commissioner Christian	Yea
Commissioner Lovell	Yea
Mayor Knowles	Yea



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Five yeas, no nays, the ordinance was adopted.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 4.42 ACRES WEST OF U.S. HWY 27 AND NORTH OF PELICAN ISLE DRIVE IN SECTION 14-20-24**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately 4.42 acres and being generally located west of U.S. Highway 27 and north of Pelican Isle Drive, lying in Section 14, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, which is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Leesburg, Florida; providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said City; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said City as if all such territory had been a part of the City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be put in City Commission District 3; and providing for an effective date.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION OF 4.42 ACRES WEST OF U.S. HWY 27 AND NORTH OF PELICAN ISLE DRIVE IN SECTION 14-20-24 FROM COUNTY URBAN TO CITY COMMERCE**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance amending the comprehensive plan for the City of Leesburg, changing the future land use map designation of certain property containing approximately 4.42 acres and generally located west of U.S. Highway 27 and north of Pelican Isle Drive, lying in Section 14, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, from County Urban to City Commerce; and providing an effective date.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.42 ACRES WEST OF U.S. HWY 27 AND NORTH OF PELICAN ISLE DRIVE IN SECTION 14-20-24 FROM COUNTY R-6 AND C-1 TO CITY C-3**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately 4.42 acres generally located west of U.S. 27 and north of Pelican Isle Drive, lying in Section 14, Township 20 south, Range 24 east, Lake County, Florida, from County R-6 (Urban Residential) and C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to City C-3 (Highway Commercial); and providing an effective date.

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### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 17.82 ACRES NORTH OF U.S. 441 AND SOUTH OF S.R. 44 IN SECTION 16-19-25**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately 17.82 acres and being generally located between CR 44 on the north and CR 44 Leg A on the south, lying in Section 16, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, which is contiguous to the city limits of the City of Leesburg, Florida; providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said city; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said city as if all such territory had been a part of the City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be put in City Commission District 1; and providing for an effective date.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 17.82 ACRES NORTH OF U.S. 441 AND SOUTH OF S.R. 44 IN SECTION 16-19-25 FROM COUNTY R-1 AND CP TO CITY C-3**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, rezoning approximately 17.82 acres generally located north of U.S. Highway 441 and south of State Road 44, lying in Section 16, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida, from County R-1 (Urban Residential) and CP (Planned Commercial) to City C-3 (Highway Commercial); and providing an effective date.

CM Stock questioned why there was no comprehensive plan change with this annexation and rezoning. Planning and Zoning Manager Bill Wiley stated this is a large scale parcel and thus will be included in the next large scale comprehensive plan amendments cycle. CM Stock commended the department on the much improved maps being provided.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §25-21 SCHEDULES OF REGULATIONS TO ADD AN INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT; AMENDING §25-37 TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending §25-21 Schedules of Regulations to add an Institutional District; amending §25-37 to provide for permitted principal, accessory and conditional uses within the district; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

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Commissioner Perry questioned what prompted this ordinance. CA Morrison stated this is to allow staff in the Planning and Zoning Department to make a change in the public district which has been done already.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 22-246 AND 22-249 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES FOR AFTER-HOURS SERVICE CALLS AND NORMAL SERVICE CALLS**

Commissioner Christian introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida amending Sections 22-246 and 22-249 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to rates and charges for natural gas services; adding an additional service charge for after-hours service calls; increasing the service charge for normal service calls; increasing the reconnection charge in the "large industrial" classification and other fees in that classification; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a severance clause; and providing an effective date.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN UTILITY EASEMENT FROM GEORGE W. SMITH, III FOR LAND IN SECTION 23-19-25 ( VISTA AVENUE AND US HWY 441)**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a utility easement from George W. Smith, III, as grantor, to the City of Leesburg, as grantee, pertaining to land located in Section 23, Township 19 south, Range 25 east, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date.

### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES AMENDING SECTION 8, DISABILITY**

Commissioner Perry introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, amending the retirement plan for the general employees for the City of Leesburg, adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-57; amending Section 8, Disability; providing for codification; providing for severability of provisions; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date.

CM Stock stated he has received a letter from the Actuary stating approval of this change. The letter will be included in the next meeting's agenda packet.

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### **INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER AND CODE OF ORDINANCES SEPARATING THE CITY CLERK AND FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITIONS**

Commissioner Lovell introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Richardson read the ordinance, as follows:

An ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending various sections of the City Charter and Code of Ordinances which refer to or specify duties for the City Clerk/Finance Director, City Clerk or City Finance Director, for the purpose of separating the two positions which were formerly unified and allocating the responsibilities of the positions; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS:**

- A. CA Morrison distributed an update report on the Kristin Street Apartments lawsuit. (Copy attached.) He noted there are 11 defendants of which 5 have been served. CA Morrison's next plan of action is to request the judge to give a Lis Pendis which would put the "world" on notice of the lawsuit pending. This will be done after everyone is served. The ultimate goal is to get an injunction filed by the judge which will give the City additional power over these units.

Commissioner Christian commended CA Morrison for the work he has done on this situation. He further thanked the Code Enforcement officials for their continued support.

#### **CITY MANAGER ITEMS:**

1. CM Stock advised the City is hosting a social event at the Mote Morris next Monday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. for Capital for a Day. Also, Tuesday the Commissioners will have reserved seats at the Governor's Cabinet meeting. A resolution of thanks will be presented to the City for hosting the event.

Deputy City Manager Robert Johnson stated 2 additional topics have been included on the agenda for the City/Lake County Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting: Sunnyside Planning Study and a presentation on the Lake County Solid Waste program.

The County has continued to file objections to St. John's Water District regarding OUC which the City sees as a positive. The County has also continued to ask for a grant for a Wastewater treatment plant for Astor which used to concern CM Stock. It has been set up as a non-profit, semi-public corporation and thus does not appear to be a threat to them getting into the utility business.

2. CM Stock stated he received a petition from the Dykes Lake neighborhood regarding the chemicals used for weed control. Environmental Services Director Ray Sharp has been holding neighborhood meetings and working with the neighborhood.
3. CM Stock stated Elohim Judah Ministries has invited the Commissioners, Fire Chief, Chief of Police, and Superintendent of Schools to a Banquet of Awards Ceremony at Harbor Hills. Those invitees wishing to attend should contact Mary Malaszek.

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4. CM Stock stated the underwriting team for sales of the bonds has been put together including several companies who have done business with the City. For the Utility Bonds: Citigroup (formerly Solomon, Smith, Barney) – 70%, First Southwest – 15%, Jackson – 15% (minority company owned out of Atlanta). For the Capital Improvement Bonds: RBC Dane Rouscher – 70% (formerly William R. Huff) and SunTrust – 30%.

Commissioner Perry questioned why 5 different underwriters were being used. CM Stock stated the standard is to have more than one company. A portion of the purchase price goes to underwriters.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioner Lovell – stated he is concerned with the number of accidents on US Highway 441. There were five today with one possibly a fatality. People are driving like maniacs -- too fast, tailgating, cutting in. Commissioner Lovell recommends the City slow traffic down. There are no deceleration lanes. The City needs to increase fines. Enforcement is the answer.

Commissioner Perry - None

Commissioner Puckett – commented on the ducks in Palmora Park. He stated the City needs to get rid of them.

Commissioner Christian – thanked Mayor Knowles for attending the church dedication over the weekend.

Mayor Knowles – appointed a new airport authority member – Lester Coggins. Commissioner Lovell stated he has been rethinking the change made to the boards and would like to revisit it at some point in the future.

Commissioner Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lovell seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

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*Diane L. Gibson Smith*  
Recorder

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